

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image editing device for trimming an image, comprising:
 - a noticing area calculating section for calculating a noticing area of an image which is an object for a trimming operation;
 - a trimming rule designating section for designating a trimming method for trimming the noticing area of the image which is the object for the trimming operation;
 - a trimming shape designating section for designating ~~a~~ an arbitrary shape of a trimming scope when the designating operation of the trimming scope is selected by the trimming rule designating section;
 - a template selecting section for selecting a template which is used for the trimming operation among a template group which is memorized in advance when a using operation for the template is designated by the trimming rule designating section;
 - a noticing area error calculating section for calculating a distribution ratio of the noticing area in the trimming scope or the template; and
 - an image processing section for enlarging, contracting, and rotating the image, the trimming scope, and the template so as to adjust the distribution ratio of the noticing area in the trimming scope or the template according to the method which is designated by the trimming rule designating section.
2. (Original) An image editing device according to Claim 1 further comprising a center aligning section for aligning a center of the noticing area and a center of the trimming scope or a center of the template.
3. (Previously Presented) An image editing device according to Claim 2,

the center of the noticing area being a crossing point of diagonal lines of a rectangle which surrounds the noticing area; and

the center of the template being a crossing point of diagonal lines of a rectangle which surrounds the template.

4. (Previously Presented) An image editing device according to Claim 1 further comprising a noticing area threshold section which determines a threshold with reference to the noticing area having the highest noticing degree and determines the noticing area having the noticing degree which is higher than the threshold when the noticing area is calculated by the noticing area calculating section.

5. (Currently Amended) A method for trimming an image in an image editing device, comprising:

calculating a noticing area of an image which is an object for a trimming operation;

designating a trimming method for trimming the noticing area of the image which is the object for the trimming operation;

designating ~~a~~ an arbitrary shape of a trimming scope when the designating operation of the trimming scope is selected by the trimming rule designating section;

selecting a template which is used for the trimming operation among a template group which is memorized in advance when a using operation for the template is designated by the trimming rule designating section;

calculating a distribution ratio of the noticing area in the trimming scope or the template; and

enlarging, contracting, and rotating the image, the trimming scope, and the template so as to adjust the distribution ratio of the noticing area in the trimming scope or the

template according to the method which is designated by the trimming rule designating section.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer-executable program stored in a readable storage medium for implementing an image editing device which trims an image, wherein the computer-executable program comprising comprises:

calculating a noticing area of an image which is an object for a trimming operation;

designating a trimming method for trimming the noticing area of the image which is the object for the trimming operation;

designating ~~a~~ an arbitrary shape of a trimming scope when the designating operation of the trimming scope is selected by the trimming rule designating section;

selecting a template which is used for the trimming operation among a template group which is memorized in advance when a using operation for the template is designated by the trimming rule designating section;

calculating a distribution ratio of the noticing area in the trimming scope or the template; and

enlarging, contracting, and rotating the image, the trimming scope, and the template so as to adjust the distribution ratio of the noticing area in the trimming scope or the template according to the method which is designated by the trimming rule designating section.

7. (Previously Presented) An image editing device according to Claim 2 further comprising a noticing area threshold section which determines a threshold with reference to the noticing area having the highest noticing degree and determines the noticing area having the noticing degree which is higher than the threshold when the noticing area is calculated by the noticing area calculating section.

8. (Previously Presented) An image editing device according to Claim 3 further comprising a noticing area threshold section which determines a threshold with reference to the noticing area having the highest noticing degree and determines the noticing area having the noticing degree which is higher than the threshold when the noticing area is calculated by the noticing area calculating section.